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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to two proteins, termed INSP087, herein identified as members of the alpha macroglobulin family, in particular as alpha-2-macroglobulin-like proteinase inhibitors, and to the use of these proteins and nucleic acid sequences from the encoding genes in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
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2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 18, 20-22
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-3, 7-17 (partially), 19 (partially), 23-49 (partially)

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 24, 29, and 42 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.

Claims 34 and 39 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body. Again, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 18, 20-22

Present claims 18, and 20 to 22 relate to an extremely large number of possible ligands/compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the ligands/compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the ligands/compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely antibodies directed against the protein of the application.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1 to 3, 7 to 17 (partially), 19 (partially), 23 to 49 (partially)

Protein "INSP087", polynucleotides encoding the protein, vectors, host cells, antibodies, medical uses, diagnostic methods, pharmaceutical compositions, vaccines, kits, and transgenic or knock-out non-human animals.

2. claims: 4 to 6, 7 to 17 (partially), 19 (partially), 23 to 49 (partially)

Protein "INSP088", polynucleotides encoding the protein, vectors, host cells, antibodies, medical uses, diagnostic methods, pharmaceutical compositions, vaccines, kits, and transgenic or knock-out non-human animals.

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